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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, DR

SUBJECT: THE SANTIAGO ACCORD IS DISAPPEARING

1. THERE ARE INCREASING SIGNS THAT THE SANTIAGO ACCORD IS MOVING TOWARD DISINTEGRATION. THERE ARE MUTUAL SUSPICIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT EACH IS NEGOTIATING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OTHERS (WE ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM THAT SUCH IS THE CASE). PRD LEADERS HAVE TOLD EMBOFFS THAT THEY WANT THE ACCORD TO DISAPPEAR, BUT QUIETLY, AS IT SERVES NO USEFUL PURPOSE. THE PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO SOCIAL CRISTIANO (PRSC), WHICH FEELS THAT THE INCLUSION OF THE MOVIMIENTO POPULAR DOMINICANO (MPD) IN THE ACCORD MAKES THEM (PRSC) UNACCEPTABLE TO THE MILITARY AND QUESTIONS THE "HIGH-HANDED" ATTITUDE OF THE PRD TOWARD THE SMALLER PARTIES, IS PRESENTLY NEGOTIATING DIRECTLY AND PUBLICLY WITH THE GODR. LEADERS OF THE MINISCULE UNION CIVICA NACIONAL (UCN), THE INCREASINGLY INEFFECTIVE PARTIDO QUISQUEYANO DEMOCRATA (PQD) AND THE EXTREMIST MPD WISH TO MAINTAIN THE ACCORD, BUT RECOGNIZE THAT THE PRD IS DAILY MORE UNWILLING TO FIGHT THEIR BATTLES.

2. COMMENT: THE ACCORD WAS BUILT AROUND THE PRD AND NOW THAT THAT PARTY SEES THE ACCORD AS OF NO VALUE, IT PROBABLY WILL DISAPPEAR. (THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ACCORD ARE TOO GREAT TO ALLOW THEM TO WORK TOGETHER
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SHOULD THE PRD PULL OUT.) THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE

DISAPPEARANCE OF THE ACCORD WILL BE TO EXPOSE THE MEMBER
PARTIES IN THEIR TRUE LIGHT: THE UCN AS A NON-ENTITY; THE
PQD AS A RIGHTIST, OUT-OF-STEP AND PROGRESSIVELY LESS
IMPORTANT GROUP; AND THE MPD AS A PARTY SUFFERING FROM A
SERIOUS INTERNAL DISAGREEMENT OVER WHETHER THE PARTY SHOULD
SEEK LEGITIMATE STATUS OR CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AS AN
UNRECOGNIZED, CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION. IF THE PRSC, NOW
CARRYING ON PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT, ENTERS
THE GOVERNMENT, THE PRD, WHICH REMAINS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT
GOVERNMENT POSITIONS FOR ITS LEADERS, COULD EMERGE AS THE
ONLY MAJOR LEGAL OPPOSITION PARTY.
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